(c) if not, the exemptions and the details thereof;

(d) whether moratorium on appointments also include those on compassionate ground; and

(e) if so, whether this moratorium does not violate the very principle of appointment on compassionate ground?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No Sir.

(b) to (e) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Disparity in Pay Scales of Editor

867. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a disparity in the pay scales and the status of the post of editor in various Central Government Departments and ministries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the names of the departments/ ministries where this post exists and the pay scale and status attached to it; and

(c) the steps taken to remove the disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) There is no common cadre for the post of Editor as these are isolated posts created by respective Ministries/Departments, if so required, according to the functional/operational needs. Designation-wise details of various posts are not centrally maintained by the Government. Accordingly, it is not possible to say whether or not there is disparity in pay scales and status of these posts unless some specific cases are brought to the notice and the same are examined having regard to the method of recruitment, duties and responsibilities attached to the post and the horizontal and vertical relativities with other posts concerned.

SC Ruling on Similar Jobs

868. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in it's ruling has stated that employees performing similar jobs, but having higher qualifications can be treated differently; and

(b) if so, the action Government are taking in the light of the judgement by the Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The Government has come across newspaper reports about a recent ruling of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on the subject in a case filed by the Government of West Bengal. The Supreme Court has upheld the decision of the West Bengal Government to prescribe different pay scales for sub-assistant engineers having qualifications of Bachelor of Engineering and Diploma in Engineering respectively.

(b) The case did not relate to Union Government. However, the judgement has been noted.

All India Services

869. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make All India Service like IAS, IPS and IFS, all India cadre instead of confining to State cadre; and

(b) whether as per the present system IAS, IPS and IFS cadre can be changed to the advantage of State or the officer concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) The All India Services are constituted under the All India Services Act and Regulations framed thereunder to serve both the State Governments and Central Government. No fundamental change in the character of the service is contemplated.

(b) An enabling clause for change of allocation of cadre exists in Rule 5 of the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954, Indian Police Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954 and Indian Forest Service (Cadre) Rules, 1966.